

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 4 are amended. Further, replacement drawing sheets are filed to replace the drawing sheets in the Patent Office's file.

Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 2 contains allowable subject matter.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiners Poon and Divine in the March 29 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. Objection to the Drawings

The Office Action objects to the drawings. During the March 29, 2005 personal interview, it was discovered that the drawings in the Patent Office's file are not the drawings filed by the Applicants. Applicants believe that the error occurred at the Patent Office. Applicants re-submit the previously filed drawings as replacement drawings for the Patent Office's file. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

II. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Lynch I (U.S. Patent No. 6,433,881); and rejects claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Lynch II (U.S. Patent No. 6,581,097). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

In particular, neither Lynch I nor Lynch II disclose or suggest at least saving a document file having an embedded text string in the document file name and the embedded text string corresponds to at least one of the at least one pre-configured job tickets, as recited in independent. Further, neither Lynch I nor Lynch II disclose or suggest associating the job ticket when an embedded text string in a document file corresponds with job ticket name, as recited in independent claim 4.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets make changes to the drawing sheets currently in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office file.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Lynch I instead discloses initiating an object creation function within a print stream processing system that registers a class within an object creation function and names. This instantiation establishes a programming interface to a print job object which allows the establishment of the print job object properties. See col. 3. lines 49-55.

Lynch II discloses an identifier representative of a particular print processing job. A job ticket template database then attempts to match identifier with a job ticket template. Specifically, the matching is accomplished by plotting each element of the identifier to determine a set of elements to be mapped against a corresponding template. The identifier is then mapped against each one of the templates to determine a match based on a set of matching rules.

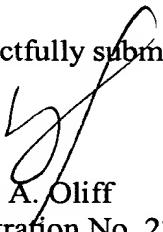
However, neither Lynch I nor Lynch II disclose or suggest the above-noted features of independent claims 1 and 4. Therefore, independent claims 1 and 4 define patentable subject matter. Claim 3 depends on independent claim 1, and therefore also define patentable subject matter as well as for the other features it recites. Further, the Office Action has indicated that claim 2 contains allowable subject matter.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-4 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Replacement Sheets (Figs. 1-6)

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